

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 492

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Second Annual Obowu National Convention, which is being held in Houston from May 23 through May 25, 2003, at the Arab American Cultural and Community Center; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of Obowians from around the world are coming together to celebrate their common values and heritage; participants include policymakers from the government of Nigeria, religious and world leaders, and representatives from organizations, colleges, and the African and American business sector, along with their guests, family members, and friends; and

WHEREAS, The Obowu Development Union, Incorporated, is an international organization formed to mobilize all the sons, daughters, and friends of Obowu, Imo State, Nigeria; some of the goals of the union are to strengthen cultural heritage, to render humanitarian assistance, and to encourage community development and growth; and

WHEREAS, In keeping with these goals, the theme for the 2003 convention is "Enhance the Quality of Life, Economic and Community Development and Cultural Heritage"; and

WHEREAS, Obowu Family Union, Incorporated, the local chapter of the organization, plans to feature the many attractions of the City of Houston throughout this commemorative event; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby extend best wishes for a successful and memorable Second Annual Obowu National Convention; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the participants of this gathering as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Ellis

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 2, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate